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Eleven reports on the port of Odessa

The major portion of each report is devoted to a listing of the [redacted] Soviet merchant vessels and Soviet naval vessels in the port. The following Soviet naval vessels were identified  
 [redacted] cruisers [redacted] patrol boats  
 [redacted] destroyer [redacted] MTBs  
 [redacted] coast guard vessel [redacted] and submarine chasers [redacted]

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I. ORGANIZATION (See Attached Drawing)

- 13. Warehouses.-
- 14. Protective breakwater of harbor.-
- 19. Warehouses.-

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II. ANCHORED SHIPS

The following ships were sighted in the harbor.-

a) Cargo ships:

- 15. A small freighter of unknown identity.-
- 16. " " " " "

b) Battle ships:

- 1. Three patrol ships. In turrets at bow and stern, these bore two guns separated from each other.-
- 2. Two small patrol ships - coast guard vessels.-
- 3. A 300-400 tons tanker.-
- 4. Two submarines.-
- 5. Various auxiliary vessels belonging to the Navy.-
- 6. Two destroyers, of which only part of the bridge and an inclining funnel could been seen.

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7. Four patrol ships, the bows of only two of which could be seen,  
[redacted]

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8. Four or five small M.L.-

10. Two small M.L. drawn up on the mole.-

17. A landing craft.-

### III. MEANS OF NAVIGATION

The following means of navigation were sighted in the harbor:

9. Small floating dry-docks.-

18. Two barges docked at the head of the NEW MOLE.-

A LENIN type life boat, armed with two covered guns on the bow and equipped with a wireless set and a radio direction finder. Sighted on this vessel, was also a wooden box that had been used to cover eventual mechanism on the vessel, possibly a gun.

### IV. COAST DEFENCE

Two covered guns were sighted near the light-house on Cape FONTANA.-

### V. GENERAL INFORMATION

11. Thin poles, approximately 4 meters tall, some of which bore small netted frameworks, were sighted being either on the breakwater or 25X1 on floating targets behind it. Due to the long distance, [redacted] could not ascertain their use.-

Slackening is recently observed in measures for searching foreign ships.-

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similar to the ships of the G.M.S (N/A) (sic), equipped with RADAR that had a solid antenna.

7. Nine ships like the L/L (A/R) (sic), a little larger and without any radar,

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8. Five destroyers of ~~between~~ 1,000 - 1,100 tons, rather of the same type, newly built

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(At the end of this report ~~is~~ a plan of this type of a destroyer together with explanatory notes and its general characteristics).

9. Two submarines, of which the one was large and most probably newly built.

It had two periscopes and a bridge that was of a rather unusual type, which had small ~~side light~~ <sup>is</sup> (scuttle).

had small ~~side light~~ / on its top part and along its entire length.

No Snorkel was observed.

10. Four to five destroyers that looked like the H.P.B.'s (torpedo-boats but without any torpedo-tubes), having a machine-gun and Radar, like at point (4) of the plan (i.e. similar to the Malar or ~~H~~ MATZTRONSTALTIS).

11. A patrol vessel of 100 - 120 tons, older than the previous ones)

It had a quick-firing gun

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and Radar like the above-mentioned vessels. The color of all the above mentioned ~~warships~~ warships was navy blue,

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### III. FLOATING MEANS

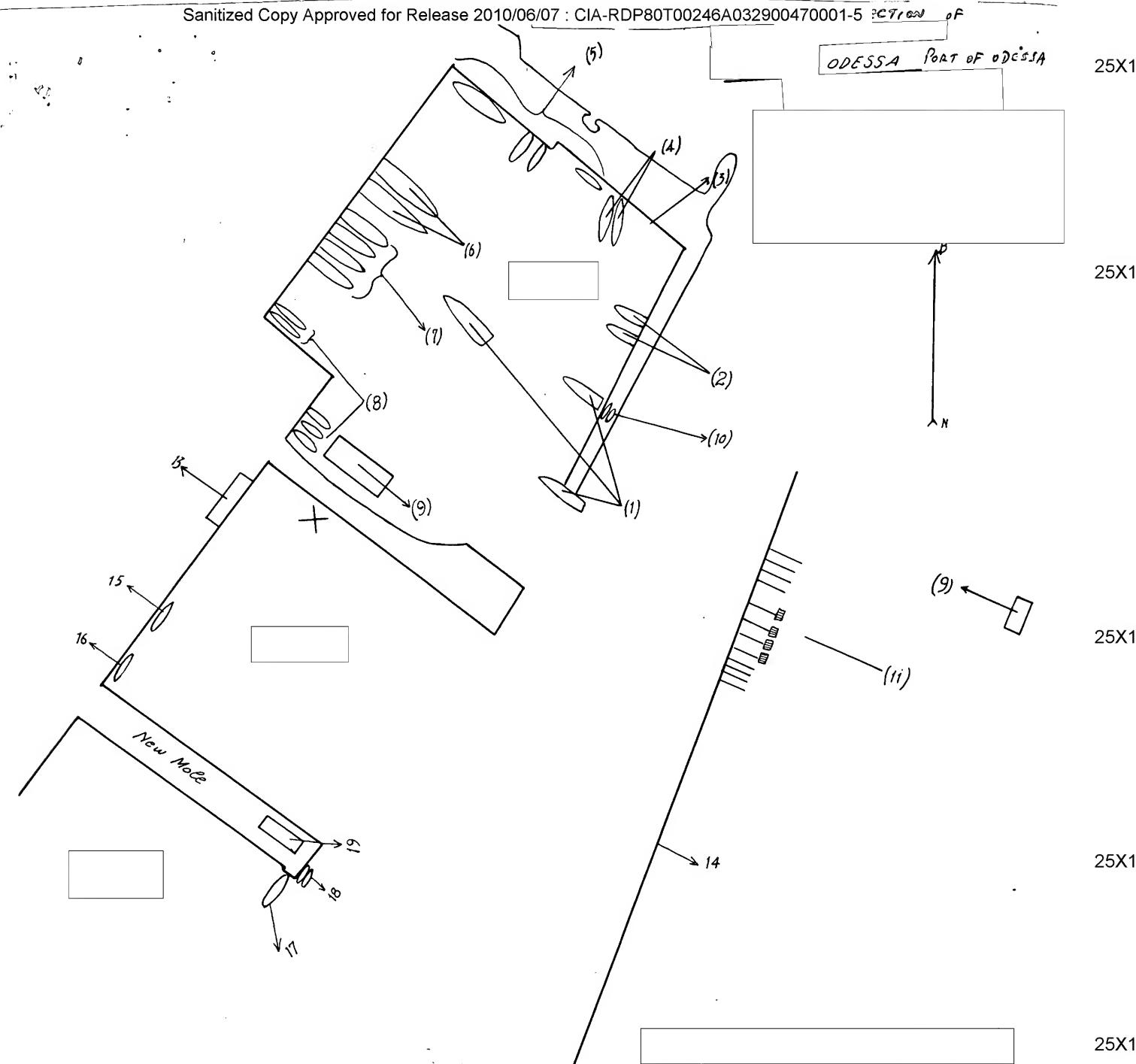
12. Two barges moored by the stern, specially constructed for the carrying of mud (KLAPL) (sic).

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13. Three barges of the usual kind, moored by the stern and equipped with an engine.

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14. Old ship (floating dry-dock) of 500 to 600 tons, evidently being used for providing small ships with dry-dock services. Two or three auxiliary barges(?) were observed being moored alongside on both sides of the above mentioned ship.

15. Old iron-floating dry-dock, of 1,000 to 1,500 tons' capacity. There was observed in it a small old submarine of about 600 tons.

#### IV. GENERAL

At the position  $\phi: 46^{\circ} 04' 09''$  and  $\lambda: 30^{\circ} 49' 05''$  there is a wrecked ship, the masts of which are about three feet above the surface of the sea.

During the stay of a passenger ship in the port, a [redacted] tourist of unknown identity was arrested while he was taking photographs of the port.

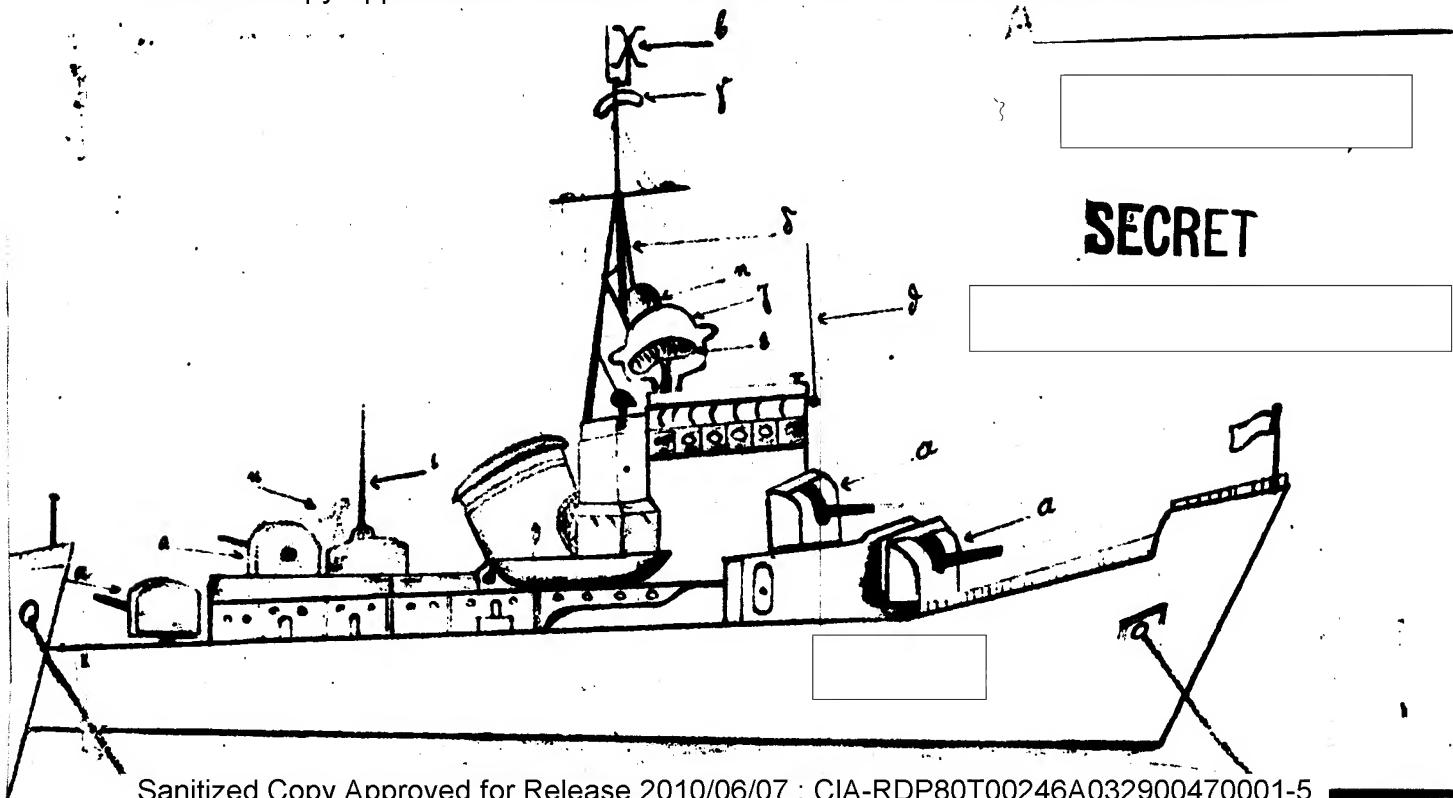
After being detained for 2 hours, he was set free.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES ABOUT THE PLAN

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- a) Four guns, of about 4 inches, also used as anti-aircraft guns, in four turrets.
- b) Radar, probably for aircraft.
- c) Surface radar with solid antenna.
- d) Three-legged mast.
- e) Artillery radar with solid antenna.
- f) Direction finder.
- g) Unknown object, most probably a radar antenna.
- h) Antenna of the destroyer, similar to the antennas of [REDACTED] destroyers [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] from the U.S.A.
- i) Mast at the bow that is plain.
- j) Probable position of Radar for the guns that are at the <sup>stern</sup> [REDACTED]; it could not be seen clearly.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

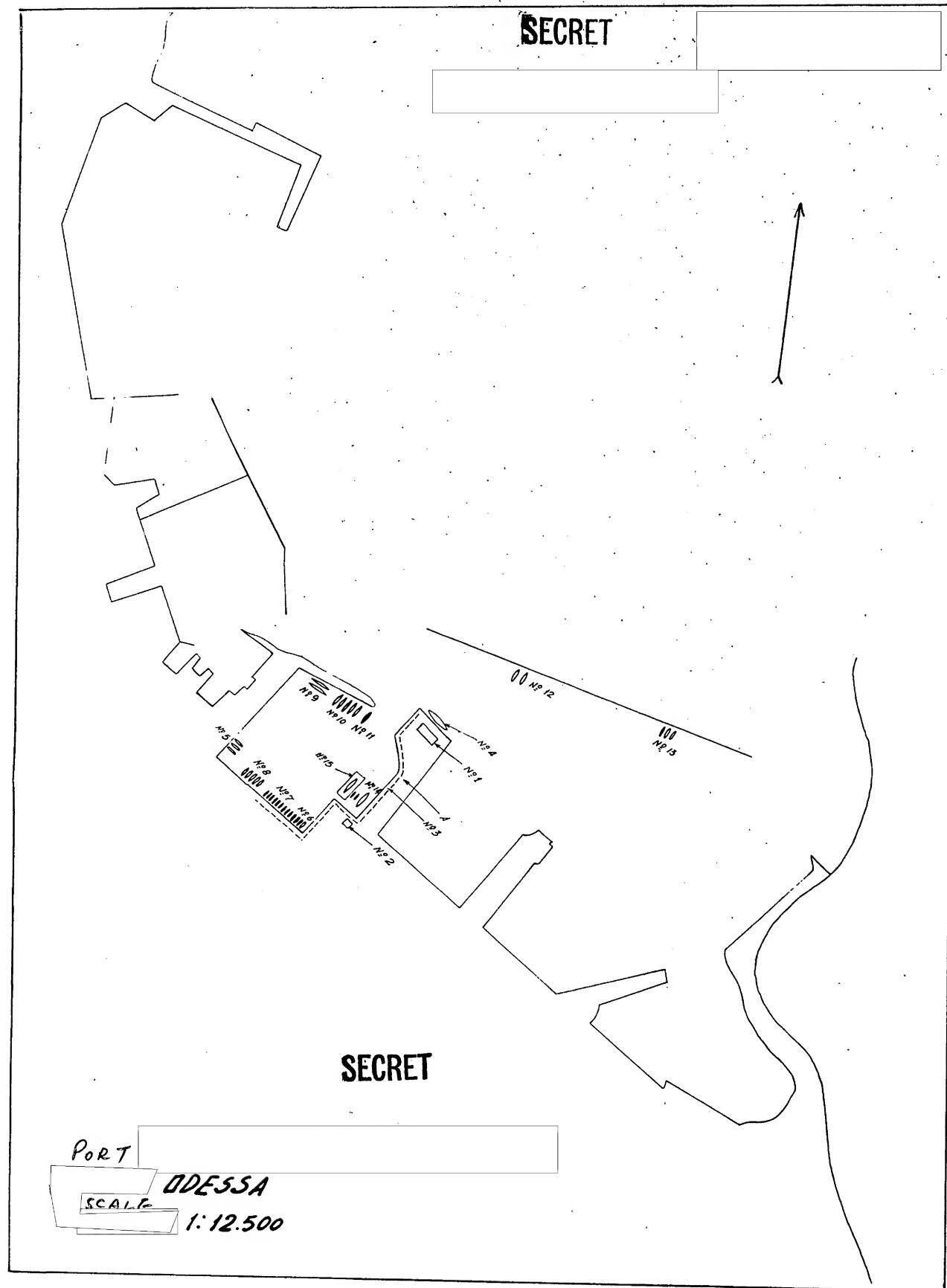
- Steep and high bow.
- Funnel with large declension towards the bow; it was not streamlined.
- Large square-shaped bridge; there was also seen an open top-bridge.
- No torpedo-tubes were observed, nor any light anti-aircraft armament.
- They have depth-charges at the bow.
- [REDACTED] the construction in general discloses that they have a good speed.

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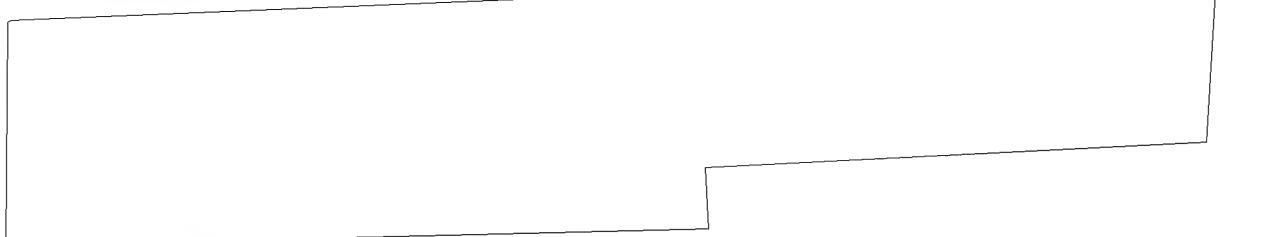
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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. SHIPS IN THE PORT

a. MERCHANT SHIPS.



- c) *Ship Ruma* DIMITROV, a Rumanian ship, loaded with newsprint.  
d) *Ship Bulg* GIPKA; a Bulgarian ship, loaded with general cargo.  
e) *Ship USSR* OREL; a Russian freighter, on the deck of which there was a cargo  
of bridges, and cranes.

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I. ANCHORED SHIPS

Cargo ships: An old vessel [redacted] was sighted  
in the harbor [redacted] This was being repaired for four years.  
It loaded trucks. [redacted]

No.1 Position of [redacted] ship.-

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No.2 Position of an approx. 14,000 ton [redacted]

vessel -

[redacted] engaged in loading iron beams,

sheet iron of various dimensions and internal combustion engines (not  
those used in ships).

No.3 Position of a small [redacted] vessel [redacted]

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engaged in loading iron [redacted]

No.4 Position of s/s [redacted] engaged in  
loading iron [redacted]

No.5 Position of the tanker 'Talin', about 26,000 tons, undergoing repairs.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

[redacted] a good number of iron pieces, engines, automobiles 25X1  
and industrial products in general, placed on the mole at which the above  
vessels had docked to load.-

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A.- Two covered guns were observed near the light-house on Cape FONTANA.

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E.- The city was clean and a lot of traffic was observed in its streets and parks.

Transportation is provided mainly by trolley-buses and trolley-cars driven by women. Some streets had been ~~dug~~ up for the placing of gas pipes. [redacted]

[redacted] the people of Russia had not privately owned houses. Now, however, 25X1 they can build their own house, provided they have the money necessary for this.

They can further acquire a privately owned car. [redacted] A glass 25X1

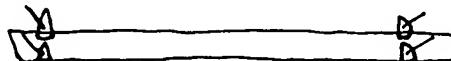
of beer of inferior quality or an ice-cream sold by open-air shops, cost two rubles.

Clothing and shoes are of very bad quality [redacted] The 25X1 workers collect 800-900 rubles monthly and low-ranking employees 900-1000 rubles.

There are no unemployed people, as, if there is no work in a city, those interested should seek work in another city, either as workers or farmers. This is the reason why no unemployment subsistance is granted. All citizens pay rent to the State, for the house used by them. The total of the houses is unsanitary and filthy. The furniture of the houses constists of that absolutely necessary, viz: a bed, a table and very few chairs. There was no store selling furniture, to be seen in the city.

F.- The following were observed in the space reserved in the harbor for the Navy ships to anchor (see drawing).-

1. Three patrol ships bearing four guns each - two on each side, prow and stern - The guns were separated from each other and were placed in little towers.



2. Two (2) small patrol - coast guard vessels.

3. 300-400-ton tanker.

4. Two submarines.

5. Various auxilliary ships of the Navy.

6. Two open-sea cruisers, part of the bridges of which and a covered funnel, were

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seen.

7. Four (4) patrol vessels, the prows of the first two of which were seen,

Only the masts of the rest could be seen.

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8. Four or five small M.L.s.

9. Small, floating dry-docks.

10. Two small M.L.s, drawn up on the dock.

11. Many poles were observed on the breakwater, four of which bore a net-like thing on their tops (see drawing).

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G.- Five patrol vessels arrived in the harbor

I.- The dock [redacted] was being laid by asphalt(tar),

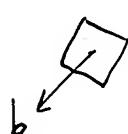
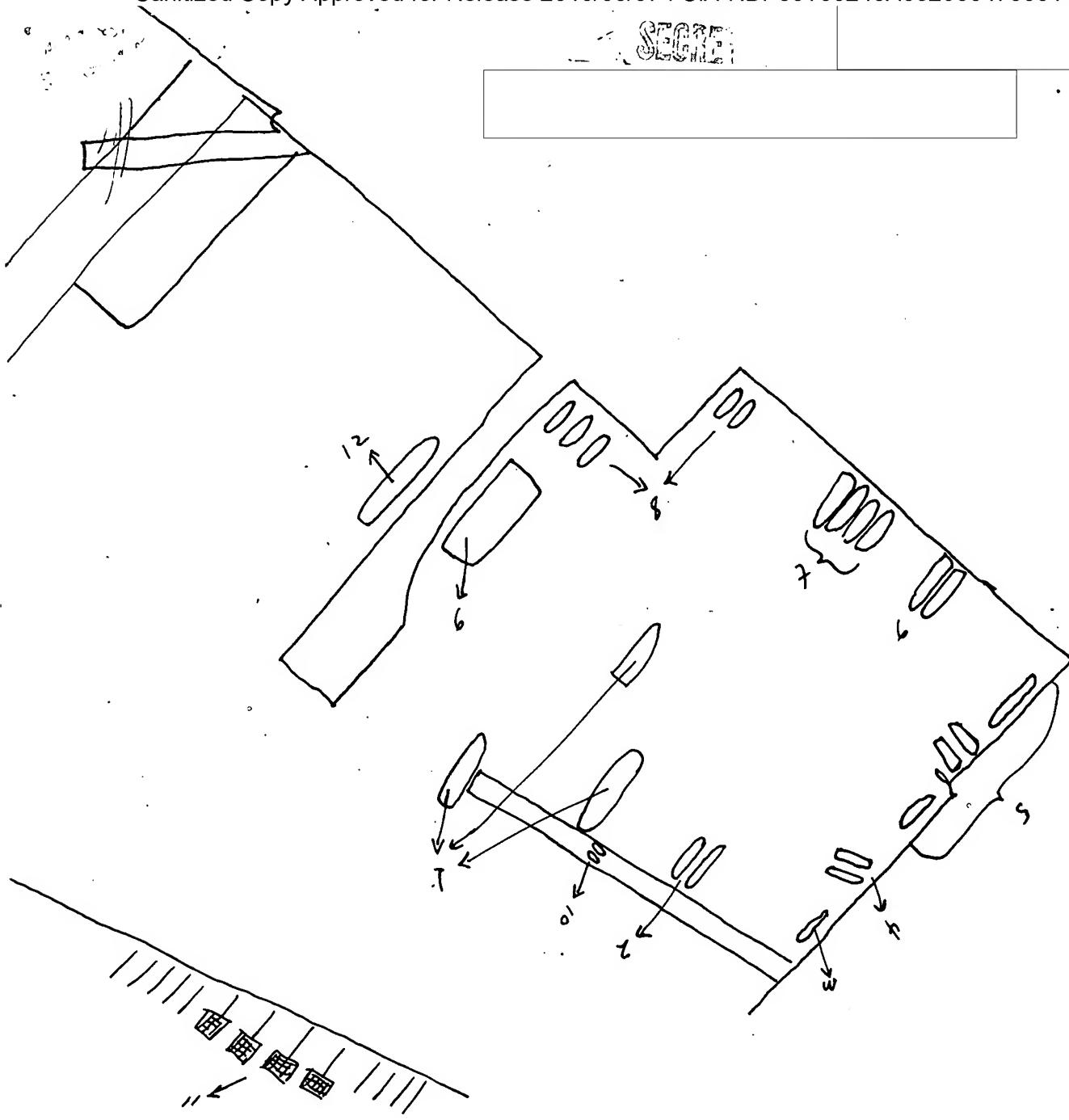
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In this Port there were, also, the Russian passenger ships (POBEDA,  
and KRIMEA. [redacted] a Russian Liberty ship left the Port, with  
a full cargo of trucks.

b. WARSHIPS

MINESWEEPERS.

[redacted] there were outside of the Port five mine-sweepers [redacted] These ships 25X1  
were searching for mines, [redacted] from morning until sunset.  
The searching was done by cable.

CRUISER.

It anchored outside of the Port,

DESTROYER.

[redacted]

COAST GUARD SHIP.

a coastguard ship arrived later

There was a reception on the above warships, during the afternoon hours.

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II.- TRUCKS.

trucks were seen

In addition to the above trucks, and those observed on the Russian freighter, about two-hundred trucks, ready to be loaded, were observed at the outer port.

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I. ORGANIZATION (See Drawing Attached)

I. A dock, on which [REDACTED] about twelve, new type cranes (expanding arm) with a lifting power of five tons [REDACTED]

a) Brand new crane of ten to fifteen tons lifting power, not yet being used.

b) Position where sacs full of sugar were observed.

c) Piles of ore.

8. Sugar warehouse.

9. Various warehouses.

10. SILO installations.

II. ANCHORED SHIPS

The following ships were observed in the harbor:

a) Cargo ships

2. A freighter of unknown data, proceeding with the unloading of 10.302 tons of sugar [REDACTED]

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3, 4 and 5. Three Russian passenger ships of 15.000-25.000 tons capacity.

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II. Position, where the whaler "SLAVA" docked [redacted] accompanied by a flotilla of whale fishing boats.

A great reception was given these boats, with gunfire and flares to salute them.

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In addition to the ships mentioned, there were other ships in the harbor, [redacted] such as the passenger ship 'TRY U' undergoing repairs, and the Russian tankers 'K NOE' and 'SARANANDRA' [redacted]

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In general, 80% of the ships that were in the harbor, were Russian.

b) Battleships

6. Eight to ten ordinary torpedo boats with a rather low stern.

7. Four to six destroyers, similar to [redacted] the 'DOXA' type.

- An open sea cruiser, bearing three funnels [redacted]

was observed [redacted] being tugged outside of the harbor, 25X1 where it anchored.

- Mine sweeping, done by two mine sweepers, was observed taking place daily outside of the harbor and as far as the mouth of the river towards the East.

III. NAVAL MANOEUVRES

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Destroyers and torpedo boats did target practice in the harbor [redacted]

[redacted] The height of the targets was about 8 meters, and their width about 10 meters. The framework was netted and bore three round targets on its upper part.

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- [redacted]
- There is Radar installed on CAPE FONTANA.

There is a monastery built on the rock of the cape, under which there is the light-house. The Radar is installed on the expansion of the light-house's little building, towards the sea.

- There is a sound buoy at a three-mile distance from the shore of the cape.
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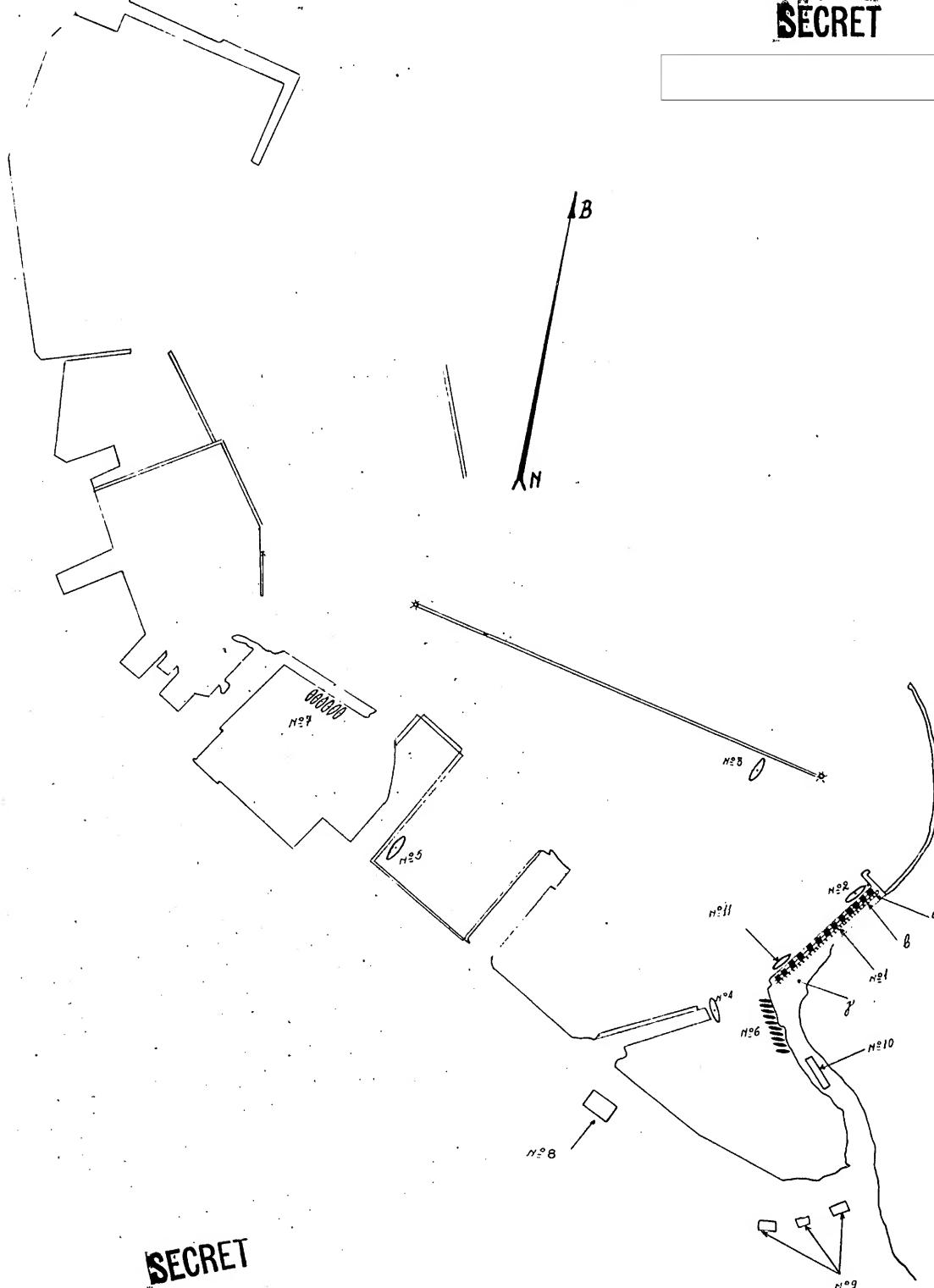
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I. ANCHORED SHIPS.

The following vessels were observed in the harbor:

(a) Cargo ships.

1. The [REDACTED] cargo ship [REDACTED] proceeding with the unloading of sugar 25X1  
[REDACTED]
2. A vessel of unknown data, proceeding with the unloading of currants [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] Unloading was done by an approx.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton, self-moving crane mounted 25X1  
on tracks.
3. A vessel of unknown data, proceeding with the loading of coal, tinned food,  
six tractors, three ploughs, three cases containing typewriters and a case  
containing gramophone records.
4. The cargo ship [REDACTED], proceeding with the unloading of sugar  
[REDACTED] 25X1
5. Approx. 11.000-ton cargo ship, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] name of vessel unknown, proceeding with the loading of iron  
(bar - tin plate) bound for [REDACTED] China. 25X1
6. The [REDACTED] cargo ship [REDACTED] proceeding with the unloading of lemons.
7. The Russian cargo ship 'ARCHACHELOS', proceeding with the unloading of coal  
[REDACTED] 25X1

8. The Russian cargo ship ('VOLGA'), also proceeding with the unloading of  
coal [redacted]

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9. [redacted] approx. 6-7.000-ton, DIESEL-engined vessel, proceeding with  
the loading of iron materials.

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10. Two, white colored, Russian passenger ships, one of which had one funnel  
[redacted]  
The other was an old ship with  
two funnels, [redacted]. It is said regarding  
these ships that they are disarmed in the winter, while, in the summer,  
they are used for tourist trips in the Black Sea.

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11. Two Russian cargo ships undergoing repairs.

12. Two [redacted] cargo ships of approx. 2.500 tons each, proceeding with the  
unloading [redacted]

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13. The [redacted] cargo ship [redacted] proceeding with the loading of coal to be  
[redacted]

14. Approx. 5-6.000-ton vessel of unknown data, coming out of the harbor. Grey-  
colored cars were observed on the deck of this ship.

15. Russian tankers of 2.-2.500-ton capacity, that were loading from barges.

After loading, the above tankers left the harbor to return in a few hours  
time. Calculated speed, 12 miles p.h.

(b) Battle ships.

1. Six small torpedo boats were observed coming out of the harbor [redacted]

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The above torpedo boats had one funnel and two small towers each, one on  
each end, and a torpedo tube sternwards of the funnel.

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In addition to the torpedo boats, a target was observed being tugged out  
of the harbor. The torpedo boats and the target took a course South.

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2. A battle ship, [redacted] came out and anchored outside of the harbor [redacted]. The above battle ship had three funnels, one of which was very close to the bridge, while the other two were at regular intervals. It had two towers on each of its sides, as well as two towers on each end - stern and prow - the towers being one on top of the other. Its prow was rather steep and very narrow in front. [redacted]

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The above battle ship, together with an open sea cruiser and a torpedo boat, did some target practice 6-7 miles north of the harbor. The columns of water from the gun-firing, were visible at the target area.

3. Two small submarines, [redacted] were observed entering the harbor [redacted]

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4. Six mine sweepers were performing mine sweeping from FONTANA and up to 3-4 miles north of the harbor [redacted]. The mine sweeping 25X1 was carried out almost daily by the same mine sweepers.

In addition to the mine sweeping done in the above area, two mine sweepers 25X1 performed mine sweeping in an area (outside the harbor) marked in [redacted] maps as restricted for anchorage.

The mine sweeping took place without interruptions, 24 hours a day.

## II. NAVIGABLE MEANS.

The following navigable means were observed in the harbor.

1. Two floating dry-docks, one bearing an approx. 10.000-ton passenger ship, the other bearing a LIBERTY type vessel.
2. A large lifeboat.
3. An icebreaker.
4. About ten barges that have no propulsion engine, but which are tugged.

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[redacted] They are being used in the harbor for refueling ships.

5. Tug-boats and pilot ships.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION.

The majority of the cargo and battle ships, regardless of tonnage, bore netted RADAR.

A RADAR was also observed on a building east of the QUARANTINE HARBOR.

[redacted] 1.000.000 tons of iron 25X1

and 500.000 tons of cereals, are about to be shipped out of this harbor,

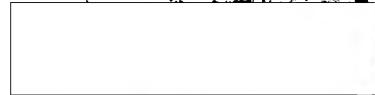
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I. ORGANIZATION (See attached plan).-

1. Two- or three-storey building with a concrete roof. On this there was observed RADAR with a solid antenna. This building is rather being used for housing various offices.

II. MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT

The following ships were observed inside the port:

2. [redacted] freighter of unknown identity, which after unloading lemons [redacted]

[redacted] then went to position 3 and was loaded with coal [redacted]

4. [redacted] being loaded with iron [redacted]

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted] full with sugar [redacted] waiting for space where it could be unloaded. [redacted]

7. [redacted] S/S of unknown identity unloading sugar. [redacted]

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8. Ocean liner -

was white

being repaired. It had one funnel, it

. It was a rather modern vessel.

9. Two old Russian freighters, of about 10,000 tons, which were being repaired on their outside.

10. A new Russian tanker, of 17,000 - 18,000 tons, unloading wheat (sic).

11. Two large Russian freighters, having general repairs carried out to them.

All their superstructures had been taken away and they were replacing partly the external plates of the vessel.

12. Russian passenger ship [redacted] of a white color, with one funnel, and two rotating cranes at the bow.

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13. Small tankers of 1,000 to 2,000 tons, moving with their own power. One of them was wooden and was being loaded with oil.

14. Three or four sloops which are being used for the transportation of oil and water.

15. At this position there were observed two new freighters, evidently built in ODESSA. They were complete and the only things that were missing were the funnels and the masts. On one of them, XX between positions 10 and 11, they placed the funnel, the masts and the winches.

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16. [redacted]

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Inside the port there were observed two tugs. The one was called TOPOC, was large, steam-driven and with two funnels, while the other was called LENINGRAD, was smaller, had one funnel and was DIESEL-engined. Both had RADAR with solid (sic) antennas.

All the Russian ships mentioned in this report were equipped with RADAR that had solid or net-like antennas.

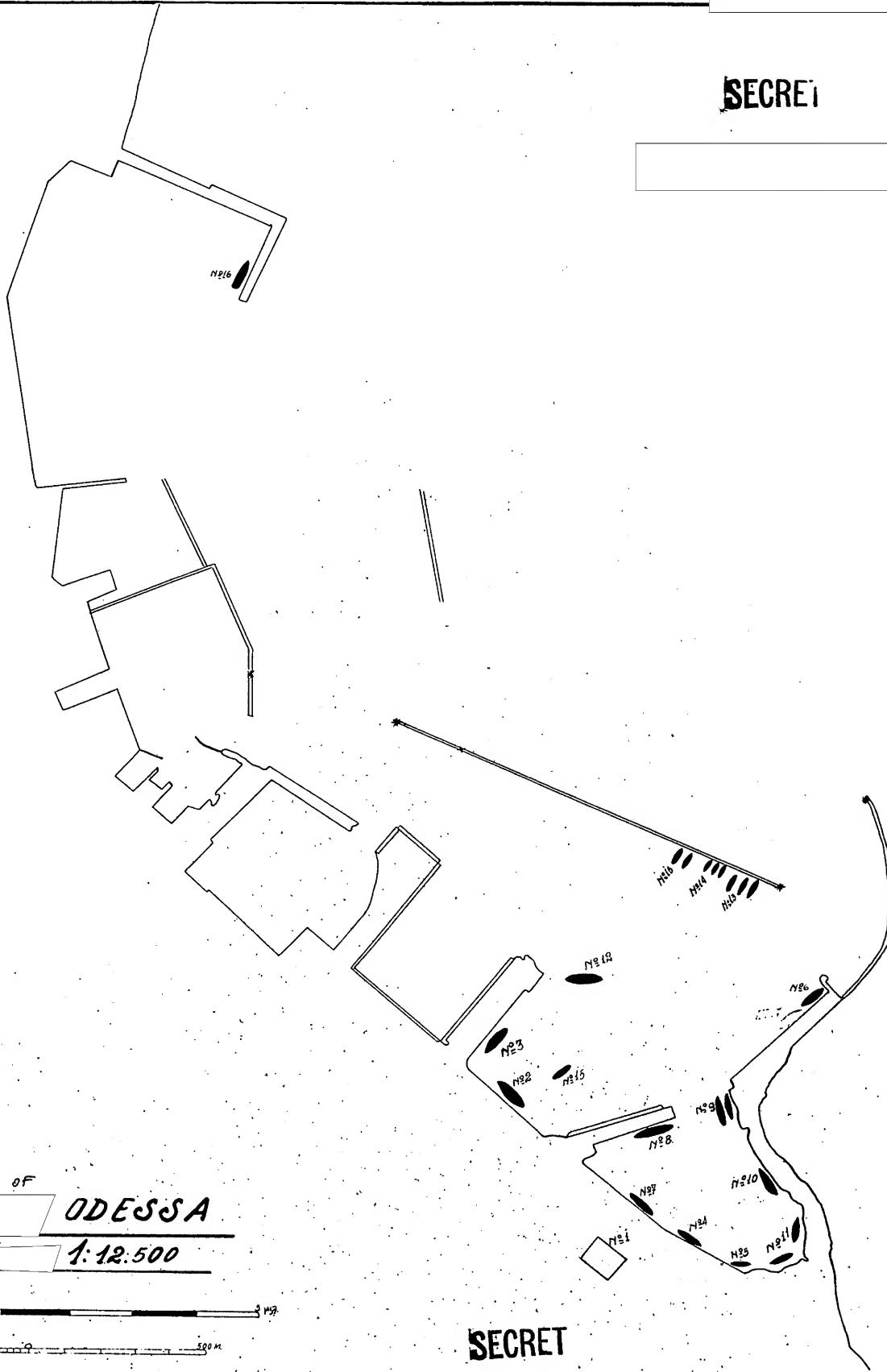
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I. ORGANIZATION

OIL PIER. On this pier there are four separate positions where ships can moor alongside. Each of these positions is, on the side where ships moor, wooden and is supported by wooden poles. After the wooden part of the pier there come flat blocks of cement which are supported by sheet-iron, which again in its turn is supported by poles. Under them there are twelve 12-inch pipes. At each of the above mentioned mooring positions there is a small hand-operated crane used for placing the connections of the pipes. No pipes were visible on the main pier. Maintenance does not seem to be satisfactory. The sluices were of different colors but now these ~~are~~ can no longer be distinguished.

From the pumphouse, which is located on the pier, they stop the supplying of the ships with oil after a signal to this effect is given from the ships.

II. SHIPS IN PORT

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~~SECRET~~a) Merchant Ships

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The following merchant ships were observed in the port:

1. A tanker being loaded with about 5,400 tons of kerosene [redacted]

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2. A new Russian ship, of about 10,000 tons, unloading.

3. The [redacted] tanker [redacted] being loaded with kerosene [redacted]

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4. A [redacted] ship of about 20,000 tons, being loaded with various oil products.

5. A ship unloading 500 tons of lemons [redacted]

It was

then loaded with 1,000 tons of coal [redacted]

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The ~~the~~ same ship returned empty and was loaded with 1,000 tons of coal [redacted]

6. A Russian ship of about 5,000 tons, being loaded with tractors, automobiles and sheets of iron.

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7. [redacted]

b) Warships

1. On 3-4-56 a Russian cruiser [redacted] entered the port; it 25X1

had three funnels and the following armament:

- 5 guns on each side ( lateral ).
- two guns at the bow and two at the stern.
- two torpedo tubes.

From this description it is concluded that it was the KRASIL'KIY KRYL'.

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2. [redacted] one destroyer and 3 torpedo-boats carried out outside the port manoeuvres of firing torpedoes.
3. During most of the above mentioned period a patrol vessel was carrying out patrols outside the port.
4. There was also observed outside the port a minesweeper which was sailing all day long, having covered about 10 times the distance between the port and FORTALEZA. (It has not been made clear whether it was carrying out manoeuvres or whether it was really carrying out mine-sweeping operations). Mine-sweeping system is the "V".

### III. FLOATING HARBS

1. In the small bay formed by the oil pier at the north section of the port there was observed a modern ship - dredger - which was carrying out dredging operations during the entire 24 hours.
2. There were observed three (3) floating dry-docks, two of which were made of cement. There were in these 1 Russian Liberty ship and two Russian passenger ships of about 20,000 tons each.

### GENERAL

It is estimated that about 40 ships were loading and unloading, while another 10 were waiting outside the port for their turn to come.

- There were observed large ships (20,000 tons) that were being demagnetized (sic) for six (6) days.
- There were noticed a lot of imports of a) rice, b) sugar and c) cement from Yugoslavia [redacted]

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- There were also on the docks, waiting to be loaded, for export about 300,000 tons of sheets of iron of all sizes and shapes, innumerable tractors and about 200 automobiles.

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COUNTRY: RUSSIA

SUBJECT: Port of ODESSA

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I. ORGANIZATION (See attached plan).-

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1. Position where a warehouse was observed.
2. Control post for the crews and the passengers that are coming out.  
On pier A and along its entire N.E. side there is a fence (wall) that is quite high (dotted line No.3 of the plan).

II. SHIPS IN PORT

a) Merchant Ships

4. Position where a ship of unknown identity moored alongside.
5. Three small tankers D.W. of 500 to 1,000 tons, that belong to the Merchant Marine.

b) Warships

6. Four vessels

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I. ORGANIZATION (See attached plan).-

On the oil pier one observed the following:

1. Thirteen (13) ~~approximately~~ oil-receiving-points, with approximately an 8-inch diameter, which give the impression that they are maintained badly.

2. Location of the Pumphouse.

3. Oil tanks; the two of them, which were also the larger, were painted black, while the rest were painted red.

On the piers there are three ~~feet~~<sup>2-foot</sup>/diameter pipes, which end at the positions where the ships are being loaded in two other 8-inch diameter pipes.

X KROUBOCEV, Vasili is in charge of oil loading.

4. Location of electricity plant. Near the ~~XX~~ plant there is a fenced area full with coal. A railroad track terminates in this area. Another railroad track is passing before the plant.

5. Location where a check is made of the crews that leave to go to the town.

6. Location of sugar factory.

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7. Factories; it is not known what they are producing.

**II. SHIPS IN PORT**

**a) Merchant Ships**

8. First position of a ship of an unknown identity.

9. Second position of the above mentioned ship, where it was loaded with 5,250 tons of Mazout

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**b) Warships**

10. Warship of the ADMIRAL MACAROV type.

11. Five (5) destroyers of the HATSVZAKUBA type.

12. Eleven wooden minesweepers of the (-) type.

**III. FLOATING MEANS**

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13. At this position there were observed four cement dry-docks. The two larger a and b had each on them a Russian freighter.

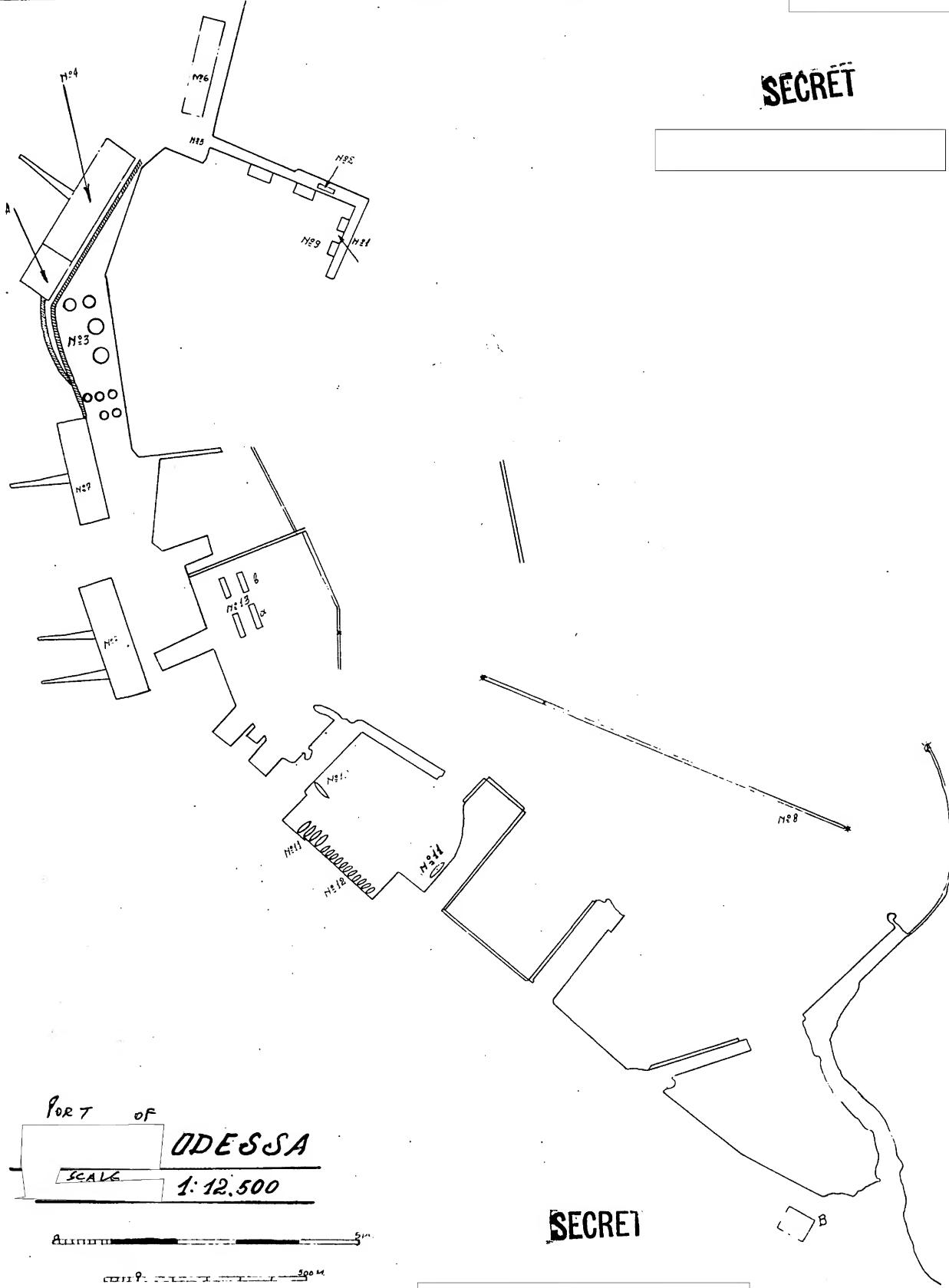
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